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1. The Gorki chemical combine embraces three plants, all situated between the main Gorki-Moscow road and the Oka river, to the west of the city. The combine was constructed between 1933 and 1938. Most of the machinery is of [redacted] origin. The Kalinin works is located near the town of Bzershinsk (56°15'N, 43°30'E), the Sabod works 8 kilometers to the east, and the Yava works a further 5 kilometers to the east. 50X1-HUM
2. In 1946, the Sabod works employed 2,000 Russians and 400 PWs in the production of chlorine. The following raw materials are brought into the factory: salt by barge up the Oka from the Caspian Sea (this is unloaded directly from the barges onto a moving belt which conveys it to the salt ovens), copper pyrites, oil for firing, and gas in rubber containers. Inside the works compound is a coke refinery fired by oil; the oil is brought twice daily by rail into the factory compound and stored in 20 oil bunkers, each of which is 25 meters high and 60 meters in diameter. Oil consumption is considerable and the bunkers are usually empty. A shed inside the compound is filled with lead baths packed with electrodes. A lime kiln stands on the banks of the Oka just outside the factory. Three transports of twelve 6-ton trucks, each loaded with three iron tanks, leave the factory daily for the Yava works. These tanks are one meter high, 8 meter in diameter, and have walls 5/6 cm. thick. Their contents are unknown. The director of the factory is a member of the Kaganovich family.
3. The Yava works, which is considerably smaller than the Sabod, is engaged in the production of alcohol.
4. The Kalinin works appears, from the smell of chlorine in the neighborhood, to be engaged in work similar to that of the Sabod works.

Comment: The name "Sabod" may be simply a corruption of "sawod", the Russian word for factory. Two chemical warfare factories, the Roulen Factory and a gas mask factory, are known to exist at Dzerzhinsk.) 50X1-

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